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Kaitie Larson, 28, attended the University of Minnesota and has a BA in biology. She attended graduate school at the University of Iowa and has a master's degree in physician assistant studies. Kaitie currently practices with a surgical group in Edina.

Josh Larson is 33 years old and attended Luther College, earning a BA in biology. He then attended medical school at Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and is now in his fourth year of general surgery residency in Minneapolis. Kaitie and Josh live in downtown Minneapolis with their British lab, Summit. They love the outdoors and spend most of their extra time both downhill and cross-country skiing, hiking, backpacking, canoeing the BWCA and spending time with family at the lake. They also enjoy craft beer and exploring Minneapolis' ever-expanding restaurant scene.

Kaitie and Josh met at a local hospital, where they were both working at the time. It's a sentimental place for them, where they chose to take their wedding day first-look photos.

Josh proposed during a walk around Lake of the Isles, one of their favorite spots. They stopped to sit on a park bench for a few minutes, and that's when he proposed. Naturally, Kaitie said "Yes!"

The blissful couple tied the knot on May 31, 2014. Kaitie's Maid of Honor was her sorority sister, Christine Broder, and her bridesmaids were sorority sisters Dana Clark and Nina Darling, her sister-in-law, Alex Gaddie, and her dear hometown friend Lindsey Whitlinger. Josh chose both his brothers, Tony Lar-

son and Travis Larson, as Co-Best Men; his groomsmen were the bride's brother, Patrick Gaddie, college friend, Erik Ulness, and his former coworker, Kevin Porterfield.

"We wanted a 'rustic luxe' theme for the wedding and reception," shares Kaitie. "Our goal was to achieve a balance between what we love about the outdoors combined with the elegance of our city life. The Calhoun Beach Club was a perfect venue, with its beautiful historic brick building. We anchored the room with a huge wood farm table adorned with a lace runner. We planned beautiful and elegant floral arrangements that were set in either satin- or birch bark-wrapped boxes. Amongst the flowers were birch bark-wrapped candles, burlap-wrapped vases with floating candles and mercury votives to create an abundance of candlelight. We wanted great food and had huge rustic pies from How Sweet It Is with a simple, elegant white cake that was decorated with different leaf designs and wrapped with a rustic twig. Our hometowns were represented by the pies, cake and calligraphy, all from Duluth, and our guests left with caramels from Knudsen Caramels in Red Wing."

Kaitie and Josh honeymooned on Vancouver Island, just off the coast of Vancouver, British Columbia. "It was the perfect melding of the outdoors and luxury, which is what we love," Kaitie smiles. "We spent two days exploring the Pacific Rim shoreline at a bed and breakfast, and then spent two days sailing around the Clayoquet Sound and then back for two nights at an absolutely beautiful hotel, the Wickaninish Inn." **HLM**